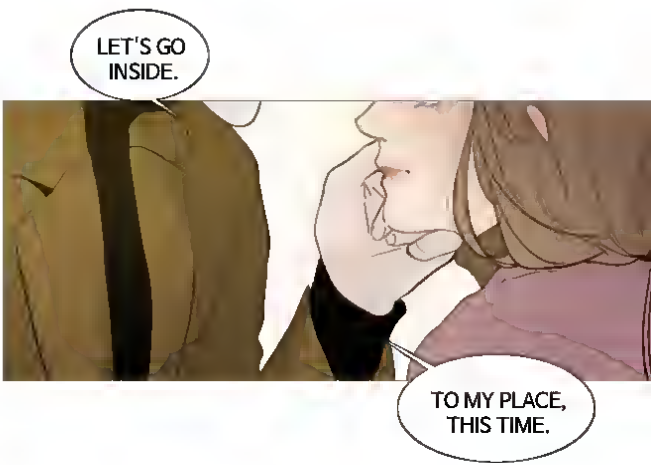

LET'S GO INSIDE.
TO MY PLACE, THIS TIME.

I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO KNOW.
AS ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER.
THANK YOU. ZOE.

ADORA ASKED ME EVERYTHING THAT
SHE HAD BEEN WANTING TO KNOW.

WHERE I'M FROM, HOW I ENDED UP HERE,

WHAT KIND OF LIFE I HAD LED BEFORE COMING HERE...

WHAT I DO WHEN I'M ALONE,

AND WHY WINTER AND I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER.

THEY MAY SEEM HARMLESS,

BUT THOSE QUESTIONS MADE ME THINK OF A LOT OF THINGS.

THERE WAS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE CONVERSATION,

BUT ADORA'S FACE WAS FILLED WITH LIFE.

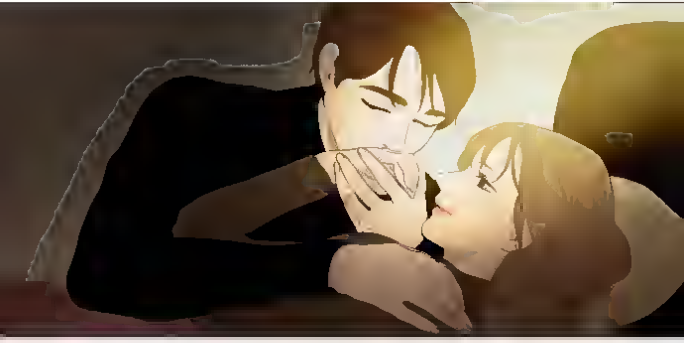
IT SMELLS LIKE FLOWERS EVERY TIME ADORA BREATHES.

THE SMELL OF LIFE POURS OUT OF HER LIPS.

PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY

EXPERIENCED THE FEAR THAT SHE MAY REALLY LEAVE ME...

THAT SMELL IS SO PRECIOUS AND MAGNIFICENT,



THAT IT ALMOST MAKES ME DIZZY.

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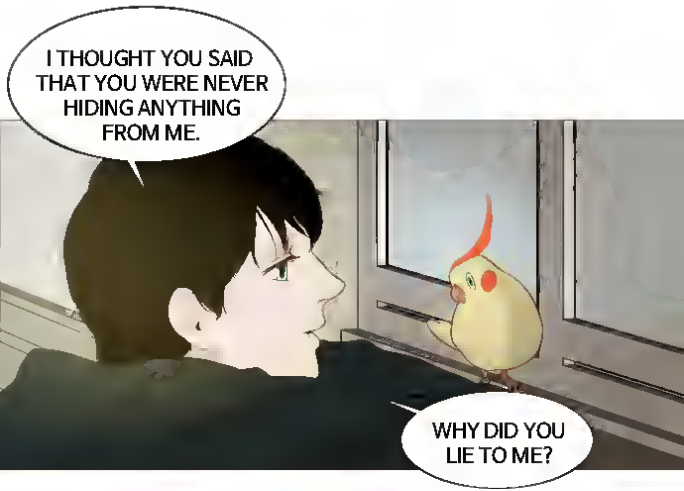
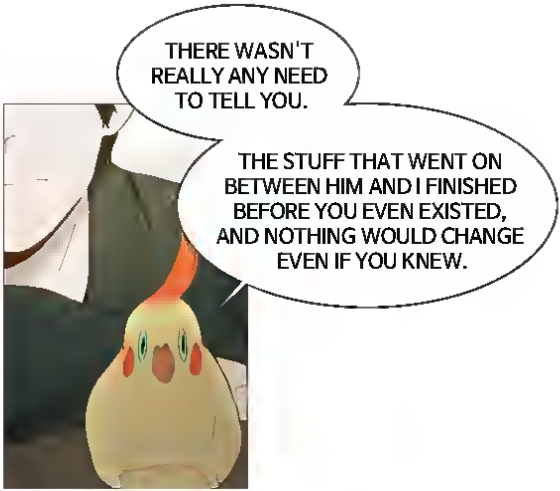
...ROY.

...YEAH?

ARE YOU
THE FRIEND THAT
CLAUDE WAS
TALKING ABOUT?

YEAH.


I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE NEVER HIDING ANYTHING FROM ME.
WHY DID YOU LIE TO ME?


THERE WASN'T REALLY ANY NEED TO TELL YOU.
THE STUFF THAT WENT ON BETWEEN HIM AND I FINISHED BEFORE YOU EVEN EXISTED, AND NOTHING WOULD CHANGE EVEN IF YOU KNEW.
SO IT'S NOT COMPLETELY WRONG TO CALL HIM MY OLDER BROTHER.

...YOU KNOW,
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME,
AND NOTHING BAD HAS REALLY HAPPENED BETWEEN US.

SINCE
WE'VE ALWAYS
STAYED CLOSE AND
RELIED ON EACH
OTHER.

BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE...
SOMETHING BAD
HAPPENED BETWEEN
YOU AND CLAUDE
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT KIND OF
MISUNDERSTANDING
EXISTS BETWEEN
YOU TWO, BUT-

IT'S NOT A MISUNDERSTANDING. IT'S ALL MY OWN DOING.
WHAT?

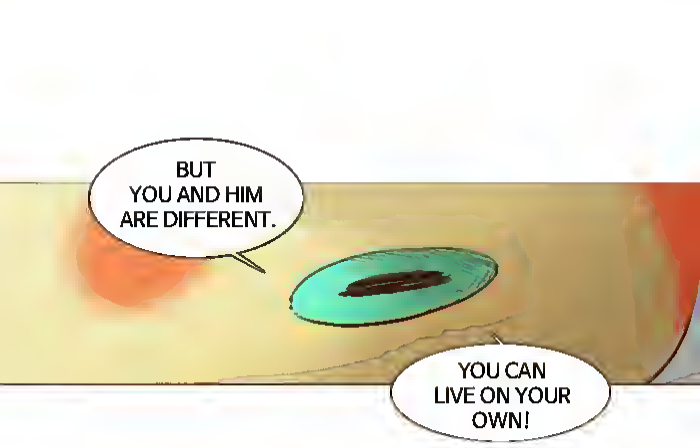
I WANTED
TO BE LOVED.
I WANTED TO LIVE.
I DIDN'T WANT TO
DIE ALONE.

I WANTED
OUR MASTER'S LOVE,
AND I DIDN'T WANT
TO BE ABANDONED,
SO I ABANDONED
HIM.

I CHOSE YOU BECAUSE I WANTED TO SURVIVE
I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE TO SURVIVE
IT WAS ALL FOR SURVIVAL...

...ROY.
OUR MASTER IS BAD.

HE'S A BAD PERSON. WHY WOULD HE CREATE ME LIKE THIS?
WHY DO I NEED SOMEONE TO WIND UP MY SPRING IN ORDER TO LIVE?
WHY...


BUT YOU AND HIM ARE DIFFERENT.
YOU CAN LIVE ON YOUR OWN!

THEN...

I...

WOULDN'T...

NEED ANYONE'S HELP...
SSSSK...
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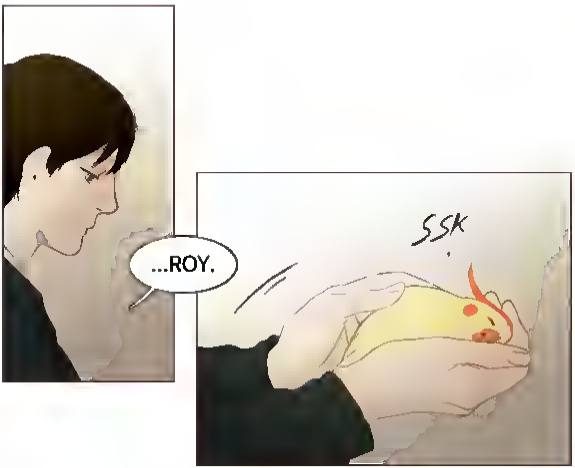
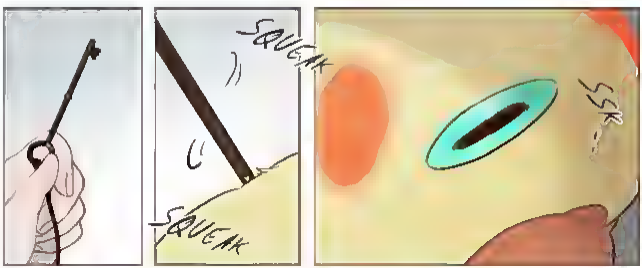

...ROY.
SSK.


SQUEAK
SQUEAK
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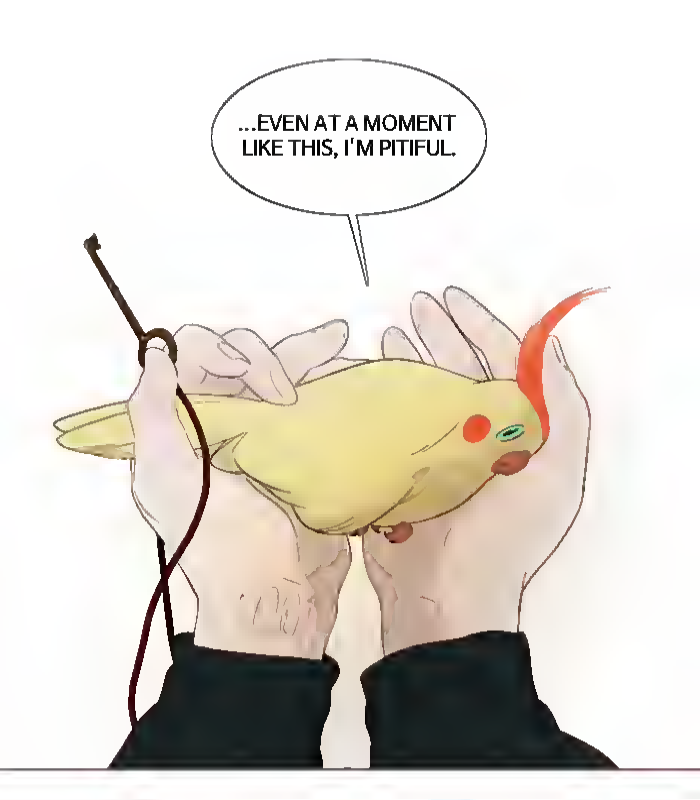

...EVEN AT A MOMENT
LIKE THIS, I'M PITIFUL.

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, ROY.
BUT CLAUDE WAS THE ONE WHO ENDED UP IN THE VERY SITUATION YOU WERE SO TERRIFIED OF, GETTING ABANDONED.
YOU HURT HIM, ROY.
SHOULDN'T YOU GO AND SAY SORRY?

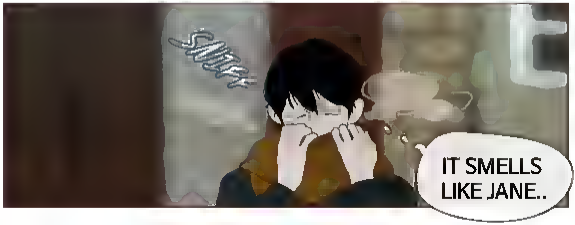
I WANT TO THINK OF IT AS WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE.

I BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL MAKE THE BEST CHOICE, ROY.

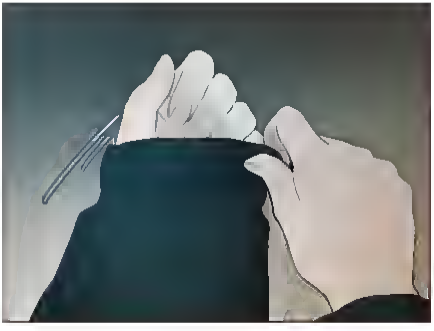
AT TIMES LIKE THAT, SOMEONE HAS TO GIVE UP.

I WANT TO REST.
DROP ME
OFF TO BED.
OKAY, ROY.

STEP
STEP


SNIFF
IT SMELLS LIKE JANE..

IF I WERE BLESSED
WITH A BODY LIKE THAT...
THEN I WOULDN'T NEED
ANYONE'S HELP...



BLESSED...

WHEW...

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